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January 7, 1977

BY LIAISON

Mr. Richard A. Sprague
Chief Counsel and Director
Select Committee on Assassinations
House of Representatives
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Sprague:

Your letter to me of January 4, 1977, requested to be advised as to the underlying basis for our request made of the National Archives to make available test bullets obtained from Lee Harvey Oswald's rifle and you expressed an interest in being advised as to such requests being made of the National Archives.

We are pleased to continue in the spirit of full cooperation that we have extended to you and to your staff. The results of prior investigation as well as the results of any current or future investigation are and will be made available for your use. This Bureau continues to have a responsibility to investigate and to conduct laboratory analysis regarding information and matter received relevant to the assassination of President Kennedy. Our request to the National Archives was made pursuant to that responsibility. For your information, I have enclosed a copy of a letter to the Archivist addressing the matters raised in your letter as well as his letter to me of January 4, 1977. Upon hand-delivery of the present letter to you, my representative will be available to fully discuss this matter and resolve any further misunderstanding which may exist.

Sincerely yours,

Clarence M. Kelley
Director

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Mr. Richard A. Sprague

NOTE: Letter coordinated with the General Investigative and Scientific and Technical Services Divisions. Content read to Assistant Attorney General, Office of Legislative Affairs, by SA Paul V. Daly on 1/6/77, who interposed no objection to the letter. Assistant Attorney General, Office of Legislative Affairs, has been discussing this matter with the National Archives and Records Service.

APPROVED:

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